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SUBJECT: USUN MEETING WITH SWAPO PRESIDENT SAM NUJOMA

1. AMB SHERER AND JAY KATZEN MET IN INDONESIAN LOUNGE FOR FORTY MINUTES WITH NUJOMA AND TWO POLITICAL ADVISERS. MEETING WAS AT OUR REQUEST TO ENCOURAGE NUJOMA TO POSTPONE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS UNTIL HE HAD MET WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER.

2. SHERER EXPLAINED TO NUJOMA THAT THE SECRETARY WANTED VERY MUCH TO HAVE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BUT THAT HIS SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS MADE A MEETING TODAY OR TOMORROW VERY UNLIKELY. IT WAS SUGGESTED TO NUJOMA THAT HE SHOULD DELAY MAKING HIS STATEMENT IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL FROM TUESDAY UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE ON THURSDAY.

3. NUJOMA SAID HIS SPEECH WAS READY FOR DELIVERY AND THAT IT WOULD BE BASED ON SC RES 385 RATHER THAN ON THE KISSINGER/VORSTER TALKS. THIS FACT PLUS HIS SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FOR AFRICA ON FRIDAY INDICATED TO HIM THAT HE SHOULD SPEAK FIRST ON TUESDAY. SHERER EXPLAINED THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SC TRADITION HE COULD PROBABLY NOT BE HEARD IN ANY CASE UNTIL AFTER UN MEMBERS ZAMBIA (FOR THE COUNCIL ON NAMIBIA) MALAWI (CHAIRMAN OF THIS MONTH'S AFRICAN GROUP), MAURITIUS (CHAIRMAN OF OAU) AND BENIN (MEMBER SECURITY COUNCIL) HAD BEEN HEARD. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES IT SHOULD NOT BE DIFFICULT TO POSTPONE HIS  
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STATEMENT UNTIL NEXT MEETING OF SECURITY COUNCIL.

4. NUJOMA AND HIS COLLEAGUES ARGUED THAT NAMIBIAN PEOPLE WOULD FAIL TO UNDERSTAND WHY STATEMENT SHOULD NOT BE MADE ON FIRST DAY. USUN REPS ARGUED THAT IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT FOR HIM TO SEE THE SECRETARY BEFORE MAKING HIS STATMENT.

5. UPSHOT OF DISCUSSION WAS THAT NUJOMA WOULD CONSULT WITH AFRICAN MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL BEFORE MAKING UP HIS MIND. HE PROMISED TO TELEPHONE USUN ABOUT HIS DECISION SOMETIME THIS EVENING.

6. SHERER INFORMED TANZANIAN PERMREP SALIM OF THE ABOVE DISCUSSION AND URGED HIM TO ADVISE NUJOMA TO DELAY HIS STATEMENT. SALIM SAID IT MADE NO DIFFERENCE TO HIM WHETHER NUJOMA MADE STATEMENT ON TUESDAY OR THURSDAY AND WOULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH NUJOMA ALONG THAT LINE. HE CONCLUDED HOWEVER BY SAYING THAT THE FINAL DECISION AFTER ALL WOULD HAVE TO BE NUJOMA'S.  
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